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Czechoslovak industry delivered 14,687 farm tractors during the 2-year plan. In the first year of the Five-Year Plan 5,805 farm tractors were produced, which exceeds by 40 the entire number of farm tractors put out during the first 20 years of Czechoslovakia's existence as an independent nation. At present Czechoslovak agriculture has a total of 27,000 tractors.

Production of other farm machines has been stepped up. During the 2-year plan Czechoslovak factories produced 17,286 tractor-ploughs and 6,256 binders. In the first year of the Five-Year Plan the production of tractor-ploughs totaled 13,292, and of binders, 3,925.

The nationalization of the farm machinery industry has had the effect of reducing production costs and improving quality. Prior to nationalization Czechoslovak industries manufactured 120 types of threshers; they plan now to manufacture only two types of such machines. Instead of the present 32 types of seeders only four types will be produced in the future. New types of tractors, designed as sugar-beet and potato diggers, will be tested and produced. Assembly-line production of a new type thresher with a capacity of 10 quintals per hour is scheduled to begin in 1950.

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